



Sunday, November 8, 2020

Last Judgement

Worship focus: *God will judge the world justly.*

OPENING HYMN

394 – “Blessed Are the Saints of God” (verses 1-3)
(The “Amen” is sung after the last hymn only.)

**1. Blessed are the saints of God;
They are bought with Christ's own blood.
They are ransomed from the grave;
Life eternal they shall have.
With them numbered may we be
Here and in eternity.**

**2. They are justified by grace;
They enjoy the Savior's peace.
All their sins are washed away;
They shall stand in God's great day.
With them numbered may we be
Here and in eternity.**

**3. They are lights upon the earth,
Children of a heav'nly birth.
One with God, with Jesus one,
Glory is in them begun.
With them numbered may we be
Here and in eternity.**

Please stand.

P: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

OH, TASTE AND SEE



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are



they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -



ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -



ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -



ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.



Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Lord God Almighty, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may always look forward to the end of this present evil age and to the day of your righteous judgment. Keep us steadfast in true and living faith and present us at last holy and blameless before you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON – Daniel 7:9, 10

The two books tell an important lesson: one group is judged by their deeds and actions. The other books has their names written in by the grace that God gave to them. We are mindful of God's grace to us as we wait for the judgement.

⁹“As I looked, “thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze. ¹⁰A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before him. Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was seated, and the books were opened.

P: Lord you have been our dwelling place

C: throughout all generations.

P: Before the mountains were born
or you brought for the earth and the world,

C: from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

P: For a thousand years in your sight are like a day
that has just gone by,

C: or like a watch in the night.

P: You have set our iniquities before you,

C: our secret sins in the light of your presence.

P: You turn mortals back to dust.

C: You sweep them away in the sleep of death.

P: The length of our days is seventy years—
or eighty, if we have the strength;

C: yet their span is but trouble and sorrow.

P: Teach us to number our days aright,

C: that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

P: Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love,

C: that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

SECOND LESSON – Romans 2:2-11

May we never fall into self-righteous condemnation of the world. Then, we are no better. Instead, we will stay mindful of Judgement Day, so that we are found with fruitful faith.

² Now we know that God’s judgment against those who do such things is based on truth. ³ So when you, a mere man, pass judgment on them and yet do the same things, do you think you will escape God’s judgment? ⁴ Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, tolerance and patience, not realizing that God’s kindness is intended to lead you toward repentance? ⁵ But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God’s wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed. ⁶ God “will give to each person according to what he has done.” ⁷ To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give eternal life. ⁸ But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger. ⁹ There will be trouble and distress for every human being who does evil: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile; ¹⁰ but glory, honor and peace for everyone who does good: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. ¹¹ For God does not show favoritism.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. Watch, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.
Alleluia. (Matthew 24:42)



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Please stand.

GOSPEL – Matthew 25:31-46

God says there is no middle ground. Either we have fruitful faith or we do not have faith or true fruit. The Lord keeps us mindful of his return that we may receive our eternal inheritance.

³¹ “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. ³⁴ “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’ ³⁷ “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’ ⁴⁰ “The King will reply, ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.’ ⁴¹ “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’ ⁴⁴ “They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’ ⁴⁵ “He will reply, ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’ ⁴⁶ “Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

Please be seated.

CHILDREN’S LESSON *(Children, please remain in your seats, with your families.)*

HYMN OF THE DAY

728 – “Jerusalem the Golden” (verses 1 & 3)

**1. Jerusalem the golden,
with milk and honey blest,
the sight of it refreshes
the weary and oppressed:
I know not, oh, I know not,
what joys await us there;
what radiancy of glory,
what bliss beyond compare!
To sing the hymn unending
With all the martyr throng,
Amidst the halls of Zion
Resounding full with song.**

**3. The Christ is ever with them;
The daylight is serene.
The pastures of the blessed
Are ever rich and green.
There is the throne of David;
And there from care released,
The shout of them that triumph
The song of them that feast.
To God enthroned in glory
The Church’s voices blend,
The Lamb forever blessed,
The Light that knows no end.**

SERMON Text: Romans 2:2-11

Theme: Our Righteous Judge does not show favoritism.

- 1) He gives everyone their fair share.
- 2) His mercy in this life is constant.
- 3) To lead us to do selfless work.

Please stand.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

Offering plates are near the exits in which you may place your thank-offering.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

C: We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.

P: You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

C: We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.

P: Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

- C: Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.**
- P: Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocation, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.
- C: Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.**
Special prayers and intercessions may follow.
- P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.
Silent prayer.
- P: We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.
- C: We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

HYMN 337 – “Delay Not! Delay Not” (verses 1, 3, & 4)

**1. Delay not! Delay not!
O sinner, draw near!
The waters of life
are now flowing for you.
No price is demanded;
the Savior is here.
Redemption is purchased;
God's promise is true.**

3. Delay not! Delay not!
The Spirit of grace,
Long grieved and resisted,
may take his sad flight
And leave you in darkness
to finish your race,
To sink in the gloom
of eternity's night.

4. Delay not! Delay not!
The hour is at hand;
The earth will dissolve,
and the heavens will fade.
The dead, small and great,
in the Judgment must stand –
What pow'r, then, O sinner,
can lend you its aid?

Please stand.

P: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

213 – “Forever with the Lord” (verses 1, 3, & 5)

1. Forever with the Lord!

Amen! So let it be.

Life from the dead is in that word,

My immortality.

3. My Father's house on high,

Home of my soul, how near

At times, to faith's foreseeing eye

The golden gates appear!

5. So when my dying breath

Shall rend the veil in two,

By death I shall escape from death

To endless life with you.



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GREETERS

today are:

Joe & Jean Spaeth – Early Service

Joyce Beach & Loretta Jansen – Late Service

Next Sunday:

Dwight & Norma Rader – Early Service

Gary & Becky Mitchell – Late Service

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (week of November 1, 2020)

Total Worship Attendance: 193; Early: 100; Late: 93; Adult Bible Study: 27; Teen Bible Study: 8; Mornings with Mommy: 32. On-line worship service views for October 25 were 49.

MONEY COUNTERS for this morning through November 21 are the members of Tyler Smith's Undershepherd group. Beginning Sunday, November 22nd will be the members of Robert Rausch's Undershepherd group.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY (November 8 – November 14)

TODAY **Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30**; Children's Lesson; Adult Bible Study 9:20; Teen Bible Class 9:20.

MON Board of Education 7:00; Ladies Aid 7:30.

TUE Circuit Meeting in Findlay 8:30.

WED Memorial service for Dewayne Rossman 4:30; Handbells 6:30; Outreach 6:30; On-line Catechism 7:00.

THU Bible Information Class 6:30.

SUN **Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30**; Communion; LWMS Door offering; Adult Bible Study; Teen Bible Study 9:20.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

WED Chapel 8:20.

CHILDREN'S LESSON: Children are asked to remain in their seats during the lesson.

MEMORIAL SERVICE: There will be a memorial service for Dewayne Rossman on Wednesday, November 11th at 4:30pm, to be held in church. Dewayne passed away in April.

THE FUNERAL for Jonna Lee Hartman was conducted in church on Thursday. Jonna Lee was called home to heaven earlier this week. May the peace of our ascended Savior comfort those who mourn.

THANK YOU to Darl Deeds for the donation of a television for use in the basement. Your kindness is greatly appreciated!

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for Marjorie Heldman who is hospitalized in Columbus after falling and suffering a fractured vertebra in her neck. Please remember Marjorie and all of our members who are homebound or in nursing homes and lift them up with prayer.

LADIES AID will meet tomorrow, Monday, November 9th at 7:30. We will be continuing our study on prayer. The meeting will take place in the sanctuary to allow for social distancing. All ladies are welcome to attend!

WHO DOESN'T LIKE FLOWERS? If you would like to help make our alter area beautiful with flowers, please sign up for a month! A sign-up sheet is in the basement, on the bulletin board next to the east stairs. If you have any questions please contact Justine Bower.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS: Once again, you have an opportunity to purchase a potted poinsettia to beautify our church Christmas season. Color choices are red or white, and the cost is \$9.00 each. Please sign up on the sheet in the lobby by Monday, November 30th. You may write your check to Jerry Burkholder. Please put your payment in an envelope with his name on it and give it to a deacon or you may drop it off at the school office during school hours.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School lesson packets for three-year-olds, containing lessons 5-8, are available for pick up in the narthex. Packets are labeled with each child's name. Sunday School for Pre-school through 8th grade continues by lessons-on-video at nph.net/ss-at-home. The Bible lesson for today/this week is #9, "God Gives the Ten Commandments." If you haven't already picked up a lesson packet for your child's grade level, there are free lesson packets on a table in the narthex that go with the videos for Pre-school through 8th grade. May God bless your child/children as we together continue to share His love.

DOOR OFFERING: There will be a door offering on Sunday, November 15th to help support the LWMS mission projects. The Fall Rally of the Ohio Circuit was cancelled this year, along with many other fundraisers. Ladies Aid is asking for our support for this worthy cause!

THE THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE will be at 9:30 on Thursday, November 26th. To maintain our social distancing, there will be overflow seating in the basement, with the service being televised there. The service will also be posted on line sometime on Friday, for those who do not feel comfortable attending in person. Recorded DVD's of each service (including Sundays) are always available.

DON'T FORGET! Sunday services are recorded each Sunday and uploaded to YouTube. If you are unable to attend live services on Sunday, please be sure to check it out on line. You may find the link on the website (www.tlcjenera.org) or on YouTube (search Trinity Lutheran Church Jenera). We are also on Facebook (search [Trinity Lutheran School](#) or [Friends in Christ Trinity Lutheran Church Jenera, Oh](#)). One easy way to get the link is to sign up for emails that will have the link and the sermon text attached. Call or email the office if you would care to sign up. Bulletins and newsletters are also available by email.

FALL HARVEST TIME: Celebrate Thanksgiving and Fall at our next Mornings with Mommy on Monday, November 16 and Tuesday November 17. Bring your children/grandchildren to play with corn, leaves, pumpkins, and gourds in our sensory bins, rake leaves, pick apples, and make an apple cinnamon painting. We meet in the church basement from 9:30-10:30, and the program costs \$5 per family. Register online at tlcjenera.org or call 262-391-7994.

A DOZEN COPIES of Meditations, the WELS daily devotion booklet are in the lobby. Please share them with our unchurched visitors and neighbors.

THANK YOU to all you helped make this year's Trunk or Treat a success! Thank you to all who brought their vehicles to hand out candy, helped with the cook-out, and helped with crafts and games for the kids. We were blessed with a great turn-out from both members and non-members.

WELCOME! Thank you for joining our Trinity family in worship today. We invite you to keep growing with us through God's Word and Sacraments. If you have a question, please speak to a pastor or a Trinity member. If you are a guest, please pick up a guest packet. Ask the ushers if you need a pocket-sized aid for the hearing impaired. A Nursery with our service on TV is located off the lobby for parents who need to calm young children.

PLEASE RESERVE the back pews for families with small children to lovingly provide this space for the little ones and their parents.

CALL RESPONSE

Greetings to you my fellow brothers and sisters in Christ! I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge that I have received the Divine Call from you, Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church. I was notified by phone on Monday October 26th that the Call had been extended to me to serve as associate pastor. Receiving a Call is always a humbling experience. I have received the emailed call packet and I look forward to studying the information and talking to many of you. I look forward to wrestling in study and prayer to see God's plan for me, my family, and our service to His Kingdom. God is presently using the Lighthouse Youth Center to reach out with the Gospel of Jesus Christ to unchurched youth in an urban setting. The question that I need to answer is under which of these Calls are my gifts best used for the advancement of God's Kingdom. This will be a very difficult decision because both Calls are unique and quite different, but I can see God using my skills at either place. (Since I grew up on a dairy farm in an incorporated rural community as a child!) I pray that the Lord will lead me to a decision which will best serve His Kingdom. I am confident that once a decision has been reached we will be able to say, "God's will be done." I ask that you would continue to keep me and my family in your daily prayers as I deliberate.

In Christ's Service, Pastor James G. Buske

